



City of Seattle
Office of Housing

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To: Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee
Councilmember Nick Licata, Chair
Councilmember Sally Clark
Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

From: Rick Hooper, Director

Subject: Proposed Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

The Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan ("RARAP") is a mandatory plan associated with federal CDBG and HOME grants. Recipients of these grants are required to identify steps they will take to minimize displacement in connection with grant-funded projects. Seattle's existing RARAP was adopted in 1998 by Ordinance 119163. In response to recent HUD guidance, City staff drafted a revised RARAP that describes in greater detail how City departments will ensure displacement is minimized. The revised plan retains the commitments in the prior version to provide for relocation assistance and one-for-one replacement, but consolidates the content by using references to governing federal law.

The format of the revised RARAP is based on a HUD-published model, and also reflects a review of relevant federal statutes and regulations. The steps described in the plan are a statement of our current funding practices, which are to discourage affordable housing proposals that would involve significant displacement and, when funding a project that does entail displacement, to require specific measures to minimize its impact. These practices also apply to City-funded projects that do not use federal funds, which are governed by local codes that closely mirror federal law.

Going forward, the RARAP will be attached to the City's Consolidated Plan, both to provide for ease of access by the public and to help ensure the plan remains a working document for City staff.